

Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner **Henney**:

I have a great' fear for my family where genetically altered foods are concerned. The health threat posed by the increase in human resistance to antibiotics is a reality for us. One of my daughters has experienced severe allergic reactions to two different antibiotics following a year of antibiotic use that would not clear up her upper respiratory infections and a year of suffering when the doctors would not prescribe antibiotics due to her first allergic reaction.

I am, **frankly**, shocked to find that these problems can be linked to genetically engineered crops.

I believe, at the very least, that I have the right to know if the foods I am choosing among have been genetically altered.

These foods pose unknown threats to families, farmers and the environment.

In May, a lawsuit was filed challenging the FDA's policy not to require labels on transgenic foods. I am writing in support of the demands of the lawsuit for safety testing and complete and prominent labels. I am eager to hear that the FDA is living up to its mandate to protect public health and will provide consumers with the information we need about the food we eat.

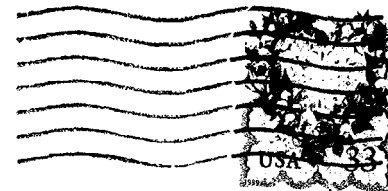
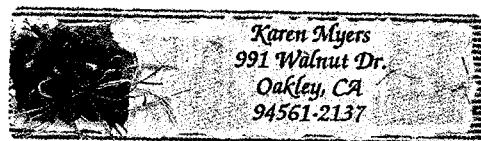
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